GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE
LOK SABHA

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Revival/Rejuvenation of Rivers
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS AND CLIMATE CHANGE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any survey/census of rivers during the last two years and the current year and if so, the details thereof, State/ UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received proposals from various States or taken up projects for the development/ rejuvenation of rivers including dying/ disappeared rivers in the country and if so, the details thereof, River and State/UT-wise including Pamba river; and

(c) the details of funds allocated/sanctioned and utilized for the above purpose during the said period, State/UTwise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE (SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR)

(a) As per the report published by Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) in February 2015, 302 polluted river stretches have been identified on 275 rivers based on Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) levels, a key indicator of organic pollution. The State-wise details are at Annexure-I.

(b) & (c) Conservation of rivers is an ongoing and collective effort of the Central and State Governments. This Ministry has been supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in abatement of pollution in identified stretches of various rivers under the National River Conservation Plan (NRCP) and NGRBA (National Ganga River Basin Authority) programmes, for implementation of projects on a cost sharing basis between the Central and State Governments. The NGRBA programme along with work of Ganga & its tributaries is with Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation (MoWR,RD&GR) from 01/08/2014 onwards. Proposals are received from the State Governments from time to time for taking up various pollution abatement works in towns along identified stretches of polluted rivers under the NRCP and sanctioned by this Ministry after due appraisal on the basis of the prescribed Guidelines as well as availability of budget allocations under these programmes. Presently, NRCP (excluding Ganga and its tributaries) covers polluted stretches of 31 rivers in 75 towns spread over 14 States at a sanctioned cost of Rs.4517.82 crore. The State-wise details of rivers covered under NRCP, including river Pamba in Kerala, are at Annexure-II.

The details of budget allocation & expenditure incurred during the last two years and current financial year under the NRCP, State-wise are at Annexure-III.

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